

REMARKS

The Examiner issued a Notice of Allowance in the Subject Application on 19 June 2003 allowing claims 1-43. Rather than pay the issue fee, Applicants herewith submit the accompanying RCE and Information Disclosure Statement, and request amendment and entry of claims as set forth herein.

The single amendment herein to the allowed claims 1-43 is the deletion of two words from original claim 15. It is submitted that such amendment does not affect the allowability of that claim.

Of new claims 44-59, claims 44-51 ultimately depend from allowed original claim 1. New claims 52 and 53 are directed to a method described with limitations derived from several of claims 1-51. New claims 52-59 ultimately depend from allowed original claim 13. The new claims do not add elements or limitations that constitute new matter, and each of the new claims is fully supported by the Subject Application as originally filed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that each of claims 1-59 as presented herein is patentable relative to the references of record. Accordingly, Applicants earnestly solicit issuance of a Notice of Allowance for each of claims 1-59 at an early date. If, instead, the Examiner has any concerns regarding the claims herein, Applicants request that she contact the undersigned by phone so that those concerns can be addressed expeditiously.

Respectfully submitted,



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